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SIR:

The undersigned herewith submits in the above-identified patent the following prior art (including copy thereof) which may be material to the patent:

German Pat. No. DE 40 18 321 A1 (Friedmann), published January 1, 1991.

This reference discloses a device for damping vibrations similar to the prior art of record to Rohrle et al, U.S. Pat. No. 5,667,053. The subject matter claimed differs from this reference and is believed patentable thereover.

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